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Remarkable If True.

In last week's issue of the Central Record, there appeared an article headed, "TWO ROAD SUPERVISORS", stating that the County Attorney had "unearthed" the fact that the Counties money is being illegally spent, as Dr. Amon and Mike Forbes were both drawing pay as road supervisors, and that Forbes is being paid five dollars per day for his services. Both of these statements are incorrect, and does a serious injustice to the County Administration as well as to Dr. Amon.

Mike Forbes is a skilled workman in concrete, stone and wood-work, and while he is of great assistance to Dr. Amon in serving as foreman, getting the hands out to work promptly in the morning, and keeping time, he does as much manual labor as any hand in the employ of the County in fact, I have heard one man express his opinion that he did as much work as any two hands, and at the price he receives four dollars per day his services as a skilled workman certainly do not seem unreasonable.

I feel that the assertion "money illegally spent" is more of a reflection either on my care in watching after the Counties affairs, or on my integrity, than it is on Dr. Amon, as it is certainly the duty of the County Judge to know how the Counties money is used, and I assure the citizens of our County that there has been, and will be no graft while I hold the office.

I know that Dr. Amon only accepted the office of County Engineer in the interest of road improvement, and not for personal gain, and he and I are now working together to organize a system of handling the road work, that will get maximum results from every dollar of the money available. The first move that I made along this line was to take the whole road system out of politics, and in view of the fact that I have so often stated that I would not be a candidate for office again it is difficult to understand why these reports were circulated, as certainly nothing but political motives could have prompted such a distortion of facts.

We feel sure that the Editor of our paper would not have published the article, had he known the facts, but was misinformed. The words "unearthed" as used above is certainly misleading, as there has been, and will be nothing hidden from the public of our county while I am County Judge.

It seems strange that our County Attorney has never "unearthed" anything "sensational" before, although it is barely possible he has taken his spade and dug in, he might have found where Wm Humber was of some assistance to Dr. Amon's predecessor, and was paid by the county for his services, and as yet he has failed even to unveil to all the public of our County the two monuments built by another of Dr. Amon's predecessors in memory of his incapacity as Supervisor, the said monuments being two concrete abutments costing our County several hundred dollars and still standing unused on the waters of White Lick Creek because of improper construction.

In conclusion I will say that I shall continue to look after the affairs of our County as I think best, without fear or favor, not expecting to escape criticism, but only asking when criticized that facts be stated.

Forest Stapp.

Through State**Department.**

All funds for the relief of the starving millions of Jewish people caught in the maelstrom of war in the Eastern European war zones are cable to Europe through the State Department at Washington, and are distributed through United States Consuls and Agents of the American Jewish Relief Committee of New York City.

Just Right Lot**Sale Auction.**

SATURDAY APRIL 12th 10 A. M.
On this day and at the appointed hour, you will be treated to the opportunity of securing at public auction Just Right building lots, and additional ground, soddied in Blue Grass for pasturage or cultivation.

Just Right because they are the right distance from the business square; on the right side of the street; just right in size, not hampered, and drained by nature from front to back and are graded up ready for building. Owners of any similar lots in Lancaster, if priced at all, will ask you \$1000 to \$1500—and they are selling at that—come and make your own price on these. Souvenirs given away. Don't forget the date.
D. A. THOMAS Realtor.

TEACHERS**RE-ELECTED.****School In Prosperous Condition with no Friction Anywhere.**

At a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lancaster Graded and High school, the following teachers were re-elected for next year: Miss Della Timber, Miss Amanda An-Rich, Miss Martha Kavanaugh, Miss Jerson, Miss Mary Elmore, Miss Ada Allie Hendren, Miss Eliza Smith; grade teachers.

Miss Francis Clarke, Miss Elizabeth Scott, Miss Bettie Robinson, High school teachers. P. H. Hopkins was re-elected superintendent and Mrs. May Hughes Noland, teacher of music.

Mrs. Theo Currey does not expect to teach next year, much to the disappointment of the Board of Trustees and the community generally; but Miss Lucretia Skinner of Harrodsburg, one of Garrard county's popular teachers for several years, was elected in Mrs. Currey's stead.

All of the teachers have not signified their acceptance yet, but it is hoped all of them will, soon. No more faithful and hard-working corps of teachers can be found anywhere in Kentucky than Lancaster's teachers. In order to leave this year's work in as good shape as possible, the teachers have volunteered two weeks service without pay, since they lost so much time in the fall on account of the "flu", making this year nine and a half instead of nine months.

On account of having lost so much time this year, the Board of Trustees is considering having a ten months school next year.

Services at Fairview.

Rev. J. R. Moorman will preach to the congregation at Fairview next Sunday afternoon. Everybody is cordially invited.

Christian Church Notes.

The pastor will have for his morning subject: "The Light That Failed". There will be no evening service owing to the fact that the Methodist church is to begin its revival next Sunday.

Business Deal.

A business deal of some magnitude was consummated this week when the firm of A. H. Bastin and Son purchased the entire stock of the S. S. S. Lumber Company. The transfer will be made shortly.

John Nelson, Dead.

One of Lancaster's most respected colored citizens, John Nelson, died at his home here last Friday. In his younger days he was considered the best blacksmith in the county. He was respected by all, both white and colored, who will be sorry that he is no more.

More Aberdeen-Angus.

Mr. A. D. Bradshaw has just returned from Iowa where he purchased 30 head of registered Aberdeen-Angus cattle, he coming through with them arriving here yesterday. They are abundance of beauties, all young cows and calves. He will tell us all about them in the next issue of the Record and also tell of the big cattle sale he purposes to hold here during the month of May.

Very Nice, This.

The Central Record, published by J. E. Robinson and R. L. Elkin, of Lancaster, is 30 years old, having been started many years before either of the above gentlemen were born, of course. It is a mighty good paper and no exchange on the I. J.'s list is read closer nor greater enjoyed. This week's Record is 16 pages, which shows that the paper is not only growing in years, but in size as well.—Interior Journal.

Sheriff's Duty.

The following communication was handed us this week:

"Whose duty is it to kill the curs that are running at large on our streets and the roads of the county, without tags?"
Signed,
Tax Payer."

There has been some complaint about some dogs in the city killing chickens, one person reporting that he had lost 19 in this manner. Whether this was from licensed or unlicensed dogs could not be learned. If persons will notify the sheriff if they find a dog without the proper tag, he will see to it that it is killed, but it is almost impossible for the sheriff to locate them all.

ANOTHER GARAGE.**Lancaster's Last Livery Closes And the Passing Of The Horse Seems Certain.**

The conversion of the Raney livery stable into a modern garage seems the first step toward the passing of the horse in this city, if not in the county. The public sale of the horses and vehicles of this stable several weeks ago, marked the beginning of the end and closed the last livery stable in our city.

Mr. Raney is now remodeling the entire interior of this splendid brick structure, which is 80 by 200 feet and when completed will be one of the most convenient in the city.

He has arranged to take care of all cars of particular owners and will rent stalls by the month or year at very reasonable prices. On court days and rainy days he will house your car at a low rate. The mechanical end of this garage will be in charge of "Ed and Jenks", who are men well up in the mechanical line.

Mr. Raney will sell both the Standard gasoline and the Gulf Refinery and says he has purchased oil at such a low price and in such a quantity, that he could now sell it for \$800.00 profit, but proposes to give his customers the benefit of this price. He has just installed the latest thing in a gasoline tank and can serve his patrons promptly.

SPECIAL SERVICE**In Honor Of Ryan Commandery.**

There will be a special Easter Service at the Christian church Sunday morning, April 20th, in honor of Ryan Commandery No. 17, who will be guests of Emment Commandery J. R. Haselden for the day.

The services will be conducted by Rev. J. R. Moorman, who will deliver a special sermon appropriate to the occasion and the honored guests. There will also be special music by the Christian church choir. The public is cordially invited. Luncheon will be served in the Red Cross rooms by the Circle Girls at which time Hon. G. B. Swinebroad will be the Master of Ceremonies.

New Produce Firm.

Mr. James Bratton asks us to reserve space for a big advertisement of the new produce firm in the next issue of the Record. A final deal for a location will be consummated this morning, but not in time for the details before we go to press.

Farm Sale.

Mr. J. W. Sweeney purchased this week through the Thomas Realty Company, the farm of J. W. Elmore containing about 110 acres and known as a part of the Joe Robinson farm on the Danville road.

The price paid was \$200. an acre.

New Agency.

Messrs W. B. Burton and Herbert Lee have taken the local agency for the VELLIE cars and during the past week have sold three. One to Mr. George Spoonamore, one to W. B. Burton and one to Mrs. Elizabeth Joseph. The latter car is a beauty, painted dark blue, with wire wheels that are white as the driven snow. This handsome machine has created unusual interest among the prospective buyers of the county and their agents claim that the Vellie is in a class to itself.

The cars will be on display at the new garage of J. T. Raney's and will be looked after by Ed Dougherty, who is one of Lancaster's best mechanics.

Revival Services.

Remember the revival services at the Methodist Church. Rev. L. B. Bridgers of Gainesville, Ga., will be here Sunday, April 13. Rev. Bridgers is well known here, as he held a meeting while Rev. S. H. Pollitt was pastor. He was in the evangelistic work for a number of years and is a successful singer and preacher. He has just been released from the war work on one occasion during the war, he went into a mining camp and preached to the people about loyalty to the government. In this way a strike was averted.

There will be services each day at 2:30 and 7:30. Everybody invited. During this week, a series of prayer services are being held at the church each evening at 7:30. These services are preparatory to the revival and every one is welcome.

LOOKS GOOD.**Water Colored Sketch Of Warehouse Attracting Attention.**

There is an exhibition in the window of McRoberts Drug Store a colored sketch of the front of the Garrard Tobacco Warehouse sent here by Munley and Young, the architects who have been employed to furnish the plans for the entire building.

It is attracting unusual attention from the public and the designers inform us when completed by November 1st, it will be the most modern in the state of Kentucky.

The building has an area of 61,600 sq. ft.; capacity 300,000 pounds; house frontage of 280; lot frontage, 330 feet; pricing house frontage, 330 feet; four pricing houses in the rear directly on the L and N side track, each of these houses being 40x80 1-2 feet, with hydraulic presses in each. The wagon capacity of the building will be 125 wagons and stable room for 250 horses. There will be four outside drives, 20 by 190 feet and two outside drives, 25 by 190 feet.

That the erection of this building in Lancaster will prove profitable to the stockholders no one has the least doubt.

In this connection we might say that a special dispatch to the Courier Journal last Sunday from Paris, Ky., stated that one house "there in its seven years of business, had paid dividends to its stockholders amounting to 1,426 per cent."

TRAGIC DEATH**Of Charles Rankin, Jr.**

The distressing and tragic death of little Charles Rankin Jr., three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rankin, was a distinct shock to friends and relatives of these popular people.

The sad accident occurred at their home on the Lancaster and Preacherville pike last Thursday afternoon. The little fellow had wandered out into the yard unnoticed by his mother and when found a few moments after, was lying face downward in the yard unconscious, having been kicked or pawed by a mule that was running loose in the yard. A frightful wound was discovered over and near one eye and it was at once seen that his case was hopeless. A physician was summoned and the unconscious little fellow taken to Danville for treatment, but his spirit went to the God who gave it in a few hours after the accident.

The devoted parents are grief stricken and have the sympathy of a large number of friends in their deep sorrow.

The body was taken to the home of its grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rankin, from which place the funeral was held last Saturday afternoon, burial taking place in the Lancaster cemetery.

Swinebroad Still**Selling 'Em.**

Through the business acumen of G. B. Swinebroad, the real estate man, Mr. Alex Walker closed a deal yesterday selling his flour mill to S. G. Vaughn, of McKinney, Ky., for \$15,000. Mr. Vaughn also gets the warehouse located near the shipping pens for the price of \$3,750.

In the deal Mr. Walker takes the farm of Mr. Vaughn near Hustonville, containing 97 acres, at a price near \$120 an acre.

Mr. Swinebroad will sell this farm publicly for Mr. Walker, on April 23d and he tells us it will sell.

Mr. Vaughn gets possession of the mill July 1st, at which time the lease and Hicks and Lee expires.

Liberty Loan**Headquarters.**

Through the generosity of our accommodating County Attorney, Chairman of the 5th Liberty Loan has been permitted to set up headquarters in the office of the County Attorney.

Therefore, all committeemen and workers are requested to come to these headquarters at all times for any help, or information that it is possible for us to give.

All members of the Garrard County Executive Committee for the Fifth Liberty Loan are requested to meet at the office of the County Attorney on Thursday April 10 at 4 o'clock for the purpose of formulating plans whereby the Fifth Liberty Loan may be put "Over the Top".

J. R. Moorman, County Chairman.

WANTED: Two hundred buggies to paint.

W. J. Romans.

COUNTY**ATTORNEY****Gives his Views on Management of Roads.**

To the Editor of the Record:—

I am leaving my office this Wednesday morning, and will be away from home perhaps a week, and before leaving I wish to avail myself of your kind offer to give publicity to the position taken by the County Attorney of Garrard County on the present management of the roads of our county.

This offer of space I learn, is also made to Judge Stapp and our County Road Engineer, Dr. J. A. Amon, who I am informed will probably take advantage of the offer.

I write this article because the public will be interested in knowing what is being done by the road department to give the county some relief from the bad roads which exist throughout the county, and for the further reason of some private criticism made relative to the news article in your paper of last week regarding paying money to Assistant Road Engineer. This news item with the exception to the amount paid to the Assistant to the Road Engineer is substantially a correct report of the facts.

I took the position in advising the Fiscal Court, which it is my duty to do as County Attorney, that any appropriation of the county's money to pay for an assistant road engineer when Dr. Amon was not giving his time to the duties of his office was illegal. There are no good reasons in law or in justice why two men should be paid to do the same thing. Should it appear that Dr. Amon was busy engaged in the performance of his duties for the county on one road and needed assistance at another place in the county connection with the roads at that time it would be proper and right to employ and pay some one to assist him. I contend, however, that it is neither legal nor right to employ and pay a man to perform the duties of road engineer while Dr. Amon draws the regular salary and at the same time is engaged in the practice of medicine.

For a number of years the salary for the road engineer in this county has been \$1000.00. Last October Dr. J. A. Amon was appointed road engineer and the salary increased from \$1000. to \$1200. per annum. The Doctor shortly afterwards appeared and executed the bond required and took an oath to well and truly perform the duties of this office.

No one could object to this appointment because Dr. Amon is known to be a gentleman of ability, honest, and good intentions, is a fine physician with a large practice and highly respected by all who know him. We could not anticipate when the doctor accepted this appointment that he would neglect in any way the roads of the county. It will be understood that Garrard County will have around \$50,000.00 per annum to spend on our roads, and to superintend the spending of so large a sum in a way so badly needed and so urgently demanded by the public is no small job. Dr. Amon continues to look after and enjoy a large practice as a physician which his ability and standing fully merits. He cannot do the county justice in undertaking to perform the duties of this important office for the time his profession takes necessitates the neglect of his duties as road engineer. Not only is Dr. Amon unable to carry on the profession and do the work of this office but we contend that there is no other man in the county who could properly do so. It will require the full time and the undivided attention of the best prepared man in the county to properly spend \$50,000.00 on the public roads of Garrard County.

We submit to the public the merits of our contention whether it is legal and proper to increase Dr. Amon's salary \$200.00 above that formerly paid and then employ for him an assistant at \$4.00 per day, not to exceed \$1000.00 per year as we are informed is the program of the County Judge.

Altho we are well advanced in the year the public is fully aware that there has been little done in the way of road work and thus far only a small crew under the supervision of the county road department, and it appeared to us that the county road engineer could have been with this crew a good portion of the time without the necessity of paying Mr. Mike Forbes for doing this part of the work for him. The impression may be attempted that Mr. Forbes is employed in the form of a laborer but the seeing eye of the public is too well informed already that this is not correct.

Should Dr. Amon be giving his en-

UP TO THE COUNCIL**Telephone Co. Notifies Body they will Cease Business in Lancaster. Ask For Franchise.**

The Bastin Telephone Company has notified the City Council that it will cease to do business in Lancaster, unless a franchise is granted at a better rate than they have under the present contract.

The official notice of its withdrawal was read before the meeting of the City Council at its regular monthly meeting last Monday night. A number of the citizens of the town and subscribers were present to hear what action the Council would take on the matter, some of whom are of the opinion that the subscribers in the city should petition the Council if they desire a franchise and an advance in rates, and others are of the opinion that it is up to the Council solely, to see that the rights of the public are protected with a reasonable telephone rate, and settled in a manner that the public may not be disturbed in the future.

With this in view, from the best information we can gather from the subscribers, the consensus of opinion among a majority of them, is that they would favor an advanced rate, and that a franchise should be sold, with the rate fixed at \$1.50 a month for private phones and a \$2.00 rate for business phones.

There is no longer a doubt but that the telephone has become a necessity, they say, and if the system was discontinued even for a month it would bring about a great inconvenience.

The Council adjourned the meeting Monday night, until Friday night, when the matter will be taken up, at which time it is hoped that the matter will be settled, satisfactory both to the company and its subscribers.

New Books For**High School Library.**

This year's graduating class of the Lancaster High School has donated as many books as there are members of the class to the High School Library for the English Department. In this way fifteen new and much needed books have been added to the library. The books were selected by the principal and the English teacher.

No class has done a more commendable thing for the school, and it is suggested that this become a custom of each graduating class hereafter. It will be appreciated by all who pass through the High School.

Fine lot of Yellow Dent Seed corn; White seed corn.

Hudson, Hughes and Farnau.

time to the duties of this office could anyone contend that the services of Mr. Forbes would be necessary and further it is proper to pay Dr. Amon \$1200. a year, and at the same time pay Mr. Forbes \$4.00 a day for acting as foreman for Will Humber and Harve Robinson and a few other hands who are occasionally employed. I am pleased to state that Squires, Logan Ison and James Clark fully agree with my position that Garrard County should have a road engineer who gives his entire time to this important position and we think the public will likewise accord with our views. It may be suggested as it has been that we are prompted from political motives to raise this objection.

We disavow such a purpose. The majority of our Fiscal Court is republican and we expected Judge Stapp to select for this office a person identified with the republican party and find no objections and make none to Dr. Amon except as stated herein. We make no prediction as to the success or the failure of the road management if continued as it now is but we do say confidently that a man of Dr. Amon's ability will be immeasurably more successful by giving his attention to his public duties than by looking after a large and successful profession in giving only his spare moments to a job bigger than any one other business in the county. We make these suggestions without spite or malice only with a purpose of the public knowing the facts and feeling assured that no one can be harmed by the light of truth falling upon the administration of the public's business. When I return I shall make further mention in defense of my position should I deem it necessary should your generous offer still be extended to us in this connection.

Very respectfully,
Green Clay Walker,
County Attorney